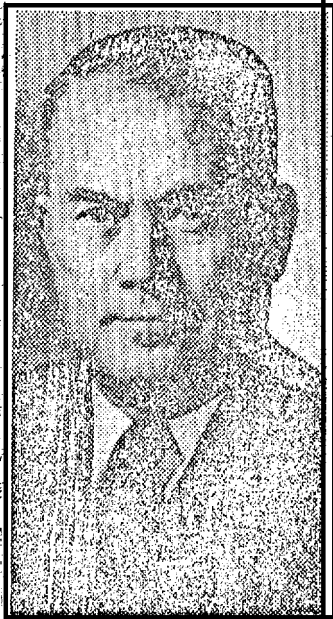


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Raborn Appointed Director of C.I.A.; Succeeds McCone



Vice Adm. William F. Raborn

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April 11—President Johnson named a retired admiral, William F. Raborn, today to replace John A. McCone as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Raborn was the naval officer in charge of the development of the Polaris missile system.

It had been known for some time that Mr. McCone wanted to retire as head of the United States intelligence operation. Mr. Johnson made the announcement in informal fashion today, and evidently earlier than he had planned, after the Columbia Broadcasting System broke the news exclusively.

Mr. Johnson was at his old country schoolhouse, a mile and a half from his ranch, to sign the \$1.3 billion aid-to-education bill when aides informed him of the news leak.

Admiral Raborn had been the President's house guest and had been seen with Mr. Johnson

during an auto tour of the Johnson City area.

The President called reporters together and announced what he called "appointments of great importance" for the country.

Mr. Johnson first announced that he was nominating Richard McGarrah Helms, now the Deputy Director of C.I.A. for Plans, to be deputy director. Mr. Helms replaces Lieut. Gen. Marshall S. Carter of the Army.

He then announced that Admiral Raborn would take over from Mr. McCone. Mr. Johnson did not announce the date on which the change would become effective.

A few minutes earlier Admiral Raborn had demonstrated one qualification for his new job—an ability to try, at least, to keep a secret.

A reporter asked him if the C.B.S. report was true and Admiral Raborn said:

"I haven't heard a thing about it."

Mr. McCone is a former West Coast industrialist who became chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1958 and replaced Allen Dulles as head of C.I.A. on Nov. 29, 1961.

Admiral Raborn, who is 59 years old, was born in Decatur, Tex., and grew up in Marlow, Okla. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1928 and became a Naval aviator.

During World War II he served as a commanding officer in Naval Aviation units and as executive officer of the aircraft carrier Hancock. In April, 1945, he received the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry.

From 1956 until 1961 he was in charge of developing the Navy's ballistic missile system. This led to the present fleet of Polaris-armed submarines that have become a major part of the nation's nuclear striking force.

He won the Distinguished Service Medal for this work.

When he retired with the rank of vice admiral on Sept. 1, 1963, Admiral Raborn was Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Research.

Since then he has been vice president for project management for Aerojet General Corporation in Southern California. He currently resides at Pasadena, Calif.

He has known Mr. Johnson for about 15 years.

Mr. Helms was also present for today's announcement and had been a guest of the President. He is 52 years old and was born at St. Davids, Pa.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Williams University in 1935 and worked for two years as a reporter for The United Press.